Shortage of Petrol, Diesel and L.P.G.

7827. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of essential petroleum products such as diesel, petrol and LPG in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure adequate supply of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no shortage of essential petroleum products in the country. Full demand of petrol and diesel is being met. LPG is also being supplied to meet the full demand of the existing customers.

As the indigenous production of diesel, LPG and Kerosene is not sufficient to meet the full demand, these products are being imported. However, efforts are also on to increase the indigenous production. Parallel marketeers are also now allowed to import LPG and Kerosene and market the same.

Exploration of Oil in Bihar

7828. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out an Action Plan with a view to make the country self-reliant in the production of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the areas identified by Government to explore oil in Bihar; and

(d) by when Government are likely to implement the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In order to augment the production of crude oil & natural gas a number of short, medium and long term measures have been taken by the two national oil companies. Besides, a number of small and medium sized fields have been offered to Indian & foreign private companies for production.

(c) and (d) Bahadurganj-Araria area of Purnea district is currently under geophysical survey by the Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited. Oil India Limited has applied for petroleum exploration licence in Bihar in whole or in part of the districts of Paschimi Champaran, Purbi Champaran, Gopalganj, Siwan, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Darbhanga and Saran. Whereas ONGC programme of exploration in Bihar is under implementation, OIL is yet to receive the PEL from Govt. of Bihar. In the meantime, OIL has completed remote sensing studies and aeromanetic surveys in the areas.

तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की सहायक इकाई का कार्यकरण

7829. **श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की एक सहायक इकाई ओ एन जी सी वी एल के रूप में गठित की गई है, जो देश के बाहर स्वयं को तेल उत्पादन कार्यों में संलग्न कर राजस्व अर्जित करेगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस इकाई की स्थापना कब की गयी थी और इसमें कुल कितनी धनराशि का निवेश किया गया है;

(घ) क्या इस इकाई द्वारा मार्च, 1994 तक विदेशों में निर्माण हेतु किसी परियोजना को हाथ में लिया गया है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो ऐसी कितनी परियोजनाएं है और ये किन-किन देशों में हैं; और

(च) वित्तीय वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान उक्त इकाई द्वारा कितना लाभ अर्जित किया गया अथवा उसे कितनी हानि हुई?